

Dear Bushes,

Scott and I did not want
to join the election by sending this ^{Christmas} Card too
early. ^{so} I am ^{now} writing this at 10:30 pm on Dec.
13th.

We did the two ^{small} paintings reproduced here (life size)
in Washington in 1983 at Mrs. Reagan's
request. At the last ~~one~~ ^{Christmas} ~~one~~ ^{show} The ~~one~~ ^{one} depicted
here was the first ~~one~~ ^{one} actually decorated by
her. At the last minute she changed her mind
and wanted us to return to Washington to
paint the front entrance of the White House - on Dec
23rd!! An impossibility, so the ~~one~~ ^{paintings were} ~~was~~ never
used. ^{for the Christmas card} Mrs Reagan had Senia Wyeth fly in to do the job ^{instead}.

We had a set of the cards printed as an
auction item to raise money for the Camp
Fire Girls, ^{and they are} ~~so~~ the effort was not wasted.

Scott and I hope that you have a
wonderful Christmas and a happy and successful
new year.

Sincerely

Best wishes - yes, the very best

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I have